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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for three months for a total period of six months up to and including January 17, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 2002. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the requisite fee of \$930.00 or any additional fee (including fees for an additional extension) from Deposit Account No. 50-1501. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

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